



# Parent Weekly Rainbow

V3 Wk. 12

10/26/25



## PRINCIPAL DIXON'S WEEKLY MESSAGE

Greetings Unicorn Families!

Welcome to another great week at the unicorn palace! Thank you to those families that joined us for our PTA meeting this week. We really appreciate your engagement. Students should have shared their report cards on Thursday. If you haven't already, please sign and return the report card sleeve. Friendly reminder, grades are always available on Focus. You don't have to wait on a report card to know how your child is progressing. If you are looking to support instruction, ensuring your child gets on Dreambox at home is a sure way to support! K-2 students should complete 5 lessons per week. 3<sup>rd</sup> - 5<sup>th</sup> grade students should complete 7-10 lessons per week.

This week we will celebrate Red Ribbon Week and Digital Responsibility Week. Red Ribbon Week is an annual drug prevention campaign that promotes a healthy and drug-free lifestyle. The campaign aims to prevent the use of alcohol, tobacco, and illegal drugs, and to raise awareness about violence. Digital Responsibility Week promotes safe, ethical, and responsible use of technology, especially among students. Please see the attached flyer that shows how your student can show their support of these two campaigns.

This week, there is no ELP, tutoring or Enrichment. Cycle 2 enrichment invitations will be going home. Remember to get them signed and returned ASAP. Enrichment clubs are assigned on a first come, first served basis.

Experience Pinellas will take place on December 6<sup>th</sup>. This is a day of family fun where you can explore activities and opportunities that make the PCS student experience awesome! Enjoy music, games, fashion and STEM activities, and art, academic, and culinary competitions. Please see the attached flyer for more information.

Let's have another amazing week!

Principal Dixon



## IMPORTANT DATES

## SCHOOL SAFETY

October

31<sup>st</sup> 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> Awards Ceremony (by invite only)

November

3<sup>rd</sup> Cycle 2 ELP begins

3<sup>rd</sup> Papa John's Pizza Fundraiser begins

7<sup>th</sup> First Friday Family Lunch/Kona Ice

10<sup>th</sup> Toys for Tots registration ends

12<sup>th</sup> Great American Teach In (G.A.T.I.)

13<sup>th</sup> Mid-term Progress Reports go home

14<sup>th</sup> Fall Portrait Retakes

14<sup>th</sup> CEC Spirit Night

17<sup>th</sup> Papa John's Pizza fundraiser ends

18<sup>th</sup> Skating Party (volunteers needed)

21<sup>st</sup> House Meeting

24<sup>th</sup> Thanksgiving Break begins

28<sup>th</sup> Thanksgiving Break ends

To ensure the safety of all, we ask that you adhere to the following safety protocols:

- Our campus opens for students at 8:15 a.m. each day. Please don't drop off or leave kids unattended prior to this time.
- For the safety of all, please use the identified crosswalks when coming on campus. Please DO NOT walk through the car circle during arrival. Thank you for helping us keep you safe.
- Please use our car circle for pick-up and drop off unless your student walks to school. This is the safest and most efficient way for students to enter and exit the campus.
- Please do not drop students off in the street. This is very unsafe.
- Visitors must enter through the front office when visiting our campus. Please have identification on you at all times.
- School starts promptly at 8:45. Please ensure that your child arrives in a timely manner to arrive to class on time.



## NEWS YOU CAN USE...

- At 8:40, we start serving grab and go breakfast. Please be sure that your child arrives early to receive a hot breakfast.
- Our Parent Support Card has gone digital. Most of the items you receive points for have a QR code for you to sign in. This allows you to automatically get your points for tracking purposes.
- Attention Parents...The late bell rings at 8:45. The gate will close at that time. Students arriving after the gate is closed will need to be escorted to the front office, by their parent, to sign in and receive a late pass. Our campus opens at 8:15. Please do your best to ensure students arrive in a timely manner.
- Attendance Matters...this is a friendly reminder that student attendance is essential to the work that we do. This includes late arrival and early pickups, which contribute to lost instructional time that greatly impacts student success.
- Please make it a habit to check/sign (initial) your child's agenda each day.
- Our school website is a communication resource that is frequently updated. Please view weekly for what's happening on our campus.



[www.pcsb.org/safetyconcern](http://www.pcsb.org/safetyconcern)

Please encourage your students to keep our campus safe by reporting anything that they see or hear that can jeopardize the safety of our campus. Thank you for your support of keeping out campus safe.

## REMINDERS...



- Fridays is House Spirit Day. We encourage students to show their house spirit on Fridays by wearing their house shirt or their house colors. Remember, 4 Houses, 1 Unicorn Family!!!
- Our House meetings were held on Friday. Please speak with your student about what topics were covered in their meetings. We will soon have some family friendly house competitions. Look for more info to come.
- Our House Leaders will soon be engaged in their Leadership Retreat. Please be on the lookout for more information for this opportunity for our house leaders.
- The Magic Essentials that we will be highlighting for the next 2 weeks are:
  - Always say "thank you" when given something
  - Cover your mouth when you sneeze or cough and say "excuse me".

Please support your student in exhibiting these Magic Essentials

## VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Mrs. Sanders, our Family Community Liaison, is the point of contact for all volunteering. If you haven't already, please reactivate your volunteer status by completing the update that was emailed to you. Please don't wait to do this.

We currently have the following volunteer opportunities:

- Field Trips
- Lunchroom Support
- Great American Teach-In (Nov. 12th)
- Skating Party (Nov. 18th)
- PTA/SAC Member (3rd Tuesday of each month)
- First Friday Lunch

## PLEASE FOLLOW OUR PTA FB PAGE...

Search for: Mt. Vernon Elementary Parent Page

Link:

[https://www.facebook.com/groups/286451700670977/?](https://www.facebook.com/groups/286451700670977/?multi_permaLinks=513943991255079%2C513762021273276-if_id=1727195578085190-if_t=group_activity&ref=notif)

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# RED RIBBON & DIGITAL RESPONSIBILITY

## Week



**MOUNT VERNON ELEMENTARY**  
**OCTOBER 27<sup>TH</sup> - 31<sup>ST</sup>**

ALL DRESS UP DAYS STILL REQUIRE  
ADHERENCE TO SCHOOL DRESS CODE



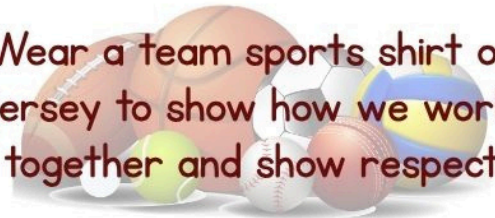
### MOTIVATION MONDAY

Wear red and spread  
positivity on our "Words of  
Encouragement" wall



### TEAM TUESDAY

Wear a team sports shirt or  
jersey to show how we work  
together and show respect



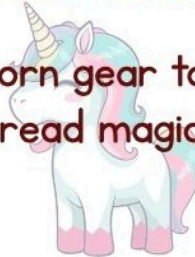
### WACKY WEDNESDAY

Wear crazy socks to show  
we stand up to bullying



### TWINKLE THURSDAY

Wear unicorn gear to show how  
we spread magic online



### FUN FRIDAY



Dress up as your favorite storybook character to show how we  
make positive choices and stand up for ourselves and others.



## FREE BOOKS DELIVERED TO YOUR HOME!!!



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UP University Center for Learning  
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### Help kids build reading skills

Florida offers families a completely free reading program to help VPK - 5th graders improve their literacy skills and spark a lifelong love of reading. There's no income requirement to participate!

Enrolled students get special deliveries addressed to them with:

- 9 books that they choose each school year.
- Reading activities that help build literacy skills.

Books are available in English, Spanish, Haitian Creole, or Braille.

Has your child ever needed extra reading support? Apply and see if they qualify! If they become eligible in the future, they'll automatically begin receiving books and activities.

**Apply today:**  
[newworldsreading.com](http://newworldsreading.com)  
to see if your child qualifies




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### ¡Ayude A Su Niño/a A Desarrollar Sus Destrezas De Lectura!

Florida ofrece a las familias un programa de lectura completamente gratuito para apoyar a estudiantes desde VPK hasta 5.º grado. Este programa ayuda a mejorar las destrezas de lectura y fomenta el amor por los libros para toda la vida. ¡No hay requisitos de ingresos para participar!

Los estudiantes inscritos reciben por correo paquetes especialmente dirigidos a ellos con:

- 9 libros que ellos mismos eligen cada año escolar.
- Actividades de lectura que fortalecen sus destrezas lectoras.

Los libros están disponibles en inglés, español, criollo haitiano y en formato braille.

¿Su hijo/a ha necesitado alguna vez apoyo adicional para leer? ¡Solicite y vea si califica! Si es elegible, comenzará a recibir libros y actividades en casa automáticamente.

**Solicite la inscripción**  
[newworldsreading.com](http://newworldsreading.com)  
para ver si su hijo/a califica



## EXPERIENCE PINELLAS ON DECEMBER 6<sup>TH</sup> !!



Join us at  
**EXPERIENCE PCS**  
AND SPARK EXCELLENCE

DECEMBER 6, 2025 • 10:00 A.M.-2:00 P.M.  
CLEARWATER HIGH SCHOOL • 1951 GULF TO BAY BLVD.  
FREE TO ATTEND AND PARTICIPATE!



LEARN MORE AT [PCSB.ORG/EXPERIENCE](http://PCSB.ORG/EXPERIENCE)



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Registration is **OPEN** until **November 10, 2025**

(or until all spots are filled)

## HOW TO REGISTER

- ① Go to <https://st-petersburg-fl.toysfortots.org/local-coordinator-sites/lco-sites/request-toys.aspx>  
OR  
visit <https://www.toysfortots.org> → "Find a Local Chapter" → Select Florida → Pinellas County
- ② Enter your email address to receive your personal registration link.
  - Use this link to complete and track your application.
- ③ Provide parent/guardian first & last name and phone number.
- ④ Add each child:
  - First & Last Name
  - Date of Birth (must be under 13 years old on 12/25/2025)
  - Gender
  - School

| <b>ELIGIBILITY</b>                                                                                                                                                                             | <b>OTHER IMPORTANT DATES AND DEADLINES</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
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| 1. Must live in <b>Pinellas County</b>                                                                                                                                                         | <b>Last day to Apply - Nov. 10, 2025</b> (could be sooner if all spots are filled before Nov. 10)                                                                                                                                                       |
| 2. Child must be <b>under 13 years old on Christmas Day</b>                                                                                                                                    | <b>All approvals completed - Dec. 5, 2025</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| 3. Must have a financial need                                                                                                                                                                  | <b>Confirmation emails sent - Dec. 12, 2025</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| <b>DISTRIBUTION DATES</b>                                                                                                                                                                      | <b>After Nov. 10<sup>th</sup></b> families will be asked to:<br>1. select a pickup date and time<br>2. enter the bike lottery (optional)                                                                                                                |
| <b>December 19, 2025: 10 AM – 4 PM</b><br><b>December 20, 2025: 8 AM – 6 PM</b><br>Location: Sent after approval<br>* If you cannot attend these dates, please register with another program.* | <div><b>BONUS BIKE LOTTERY</b><br/>Details will be in the approval notice</div> |

Please Note: You can only select your pickup appointment time and register for the bike lottery **AFTER** your application has been approved.

## QUESTIONS?

Please visit Toys For Tots Pinellas County at <https://st-petersburg-fl.toysfortots.org>